

St. Peter's Parish Port Hood July 14, 2024

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Parish Office (902) 787-3317 Parish Office Hours Wednesday to Friday from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm.

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<u>Baptisms</u> By appointment, please call. Parish Office

<u>Marriages</u> Please call Parish Office at least six months in advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Tuesday to Friday from 5:15pm to 5:45pm & Saturday from 2.30pm to 3.30pm

To book Parish Hall call: Ann MacDonald 902-787-2213 Ellen Murphy 902-631-0613

Bulletin parishbulletin@hotmail.com Send notices no later than 12 noon on Wednesdays. Please note that bulletin notices may be edited for brevity or clarity. Thank you, Tudi MacEachern

Parish News

Mass Schedule

4:00 pm on Saturday and 10:00 am on Sunday

Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. July 20, 4:00 pm	Isabel Calder	Jon Kommes
Sun. July 21, 10:00 am	John Gillies	Ann MacDougall
Weekday Masses		
Mon. July 15 6:00pm Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris		
Tues. July 16 6:00pm (R) Deceased members of CWL by CWL		
Wed. July 17 6:00pm (R) Sr. Catherine Morris by Darlene Watts		

Thur. July 18 6:00pm (R) Cyril MacNeil by Jeanette MacNeil

Fri. July 19 6:00pm (R) Trevor McDaniel by Charles MacDonald & family

From the Pastor's Desk

"He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics (Mark. 6: 8-9) St. Francis Assisi just took these words of Jesus' and said, "We will do this." and it became the first rule for his order, the Franciscans. There would be other rules for the Franciscans later on, but this was the first rule for the Order. And they took it literally. "Take nothing with you on your journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in your belts; but wear sandals and only one tunic." Incidentally, the robe the Franciscans wear even today, the brown robe, is the robe that they wore in the 13th century. It was the garment of the peasant, and they identified themselves with the poor, with the peasant, not only in dress, but also in poverty. They vowed of absolute poverty: they owned nothing, not even the tunic on their back. So, if they found somebody who had less than what they had, they were to share what they had; they worked and begged for their daily sustenance. They were called "mendicant" friars, which means they begged for their living. Through the Gospel passage for this Sunday, Jesus Christ challenges all his disciples to follow a way of life that depends solely on God, rather than on the facilities and securities that the world would offer. His disciples are supposed to trust in God, who will provide for them for their requirements on their missionary journey. They are to be walking illustrations of God's love and providence in action.

The Gospel passage which narrates Jesus' commissioning of the twelve apostles to preach the "Good News" of repentance, forgiveness of sins, liberation, and salvation through Jesus, reminds us of our call to be missionaries and witnesses of Jesus in the world. We have a witnessing mission. We are called to be witnessing disciples and evangelizing apostles. As witnessing disciples, we need to follow, imitate, reflect, and radiate only Jesus. As apostles, we need to evangelize the world by sharing with others our experience of God and His Son, Jesus, by proclaiming Jesus' Gospel and promised salvation through our transparent Christian lives and words, radiating the love, mercy, forgiveness, spirit of humble service and concern of Jesus to the people around us. A simple act of inviting a friend or family member to join us in the Eucharistic celebration itself would be a great act of evangelization. A simple invitation, offered out of a loving and joyful heart, is the most powerful evangelistic message of all. Also, we are reminded of our mission of giving the message of liberation to those who are under the bondage of different addictions of today and extend a helping hand towards them. With Divine help we shall cooperate with Jesus today to become the instruments in liberating ourselves and others from the addictions and helping them and ourselves to recover our freedom. Today we are also reminded of our call as to live as Children of God, living lives of absolute trust in the goodness of our Heavenly Father, Who knows what is best for us. The realization that we are the children of God should bring us great comfort, peace and joy even in our worst moments.

Parish Mission: Please mark your calendar for the **Parish Mission** in our church from **2024 October 27-30 (Sunday to Wednesday)** preached by **Rev. Fr. Bill Burke** Pastor of St. St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Sydney.

<u>Finance Council</u>: As per the Canon Law of the Catholic Church (**Can. 537**) it is mandatory that every parish has a Finance Council. It says: **"In each parish there is to be a finance council which is governed, in addition to universal law, by norms issued by the diocesan bishop and in which the Christian faithful, selected according to these same norms, are to assist the pastor in the administration of the goods of the parish, without prejudice to the prescript of can. 532."** Parish Finance Council assists the pastor in the administration of parish temporal matters. An active, wellformed Parish Finance Council is a key element for promoting the financial health of a parish, assuring accountability and assisting the pastor with his temporal responsibilities. So, our parish would like to form a **Finance Council** and invites volunteers to serve in the Finance Council. Those willing to be a member or wishes to suggest the name of someone else, may contact Fr. Sunny in person or call **@902-787-3317 or 902-302-6838**.

KNIGHS OF COLUMBUS:

Meeting: Regular monthly council meeting will be held on Sunday, July 21, 2024 @ 7:30 pm in the Church Hall. Rosary at 7:00 p.m.

Officers for July 2024-June 2025

Grand Knight : Ron L W Schmidt Chaplain : Rev. Sunny Sebastian Deputy Grand Knight : Roderick A Morris Chancellor : John A MacDonald Financial Secretary : Leon A Livingstone Recorder : John (Jack) E Redden Treasurer : William F MacDonald Lecturer : Joseph G Morris Advocate : John H MacDonnell Warden : Richie D Moran Inside Guard : Robert G Campbell Outside Guard : John (Jack S) R MacDonald Trustee for one year : Joseph G Morris Trustee for two years : Harvey E van Zutphen Trustee for three years : John A van Zutphen

<u>SUMMER CAMP:</u> Summer Camp for children of ages 5-13, organized by the Religious Education Ministry of our Parish began on Monday July 8, 2024. The next session is on **Monday July 15th from 9.00am 12.00noon**. It will continue on July 22 and 29. Come to the camp to have a new experience through DRAMA, MUSIC & ART. For more information contact: **Sheila MacIsaac: 902-631-2512 or Maria Jardine: 902-483-5234**.

<u>**Plaques</u>**: In the past we offered families the opportunity to place the names of loved ones on a plaque in the back of the church. We plan to continue this practice. We will print and mount plaques on a bi-yearly basis. If you would like to have the name of someone engraved on such a plaque, you may pass that name on to Mary Buchanan at <u>maryfbuchanan1@gmail.com</u>. The cost is \$200. Please make cheque payable to St. Peter's Parish Building Fund.</u>

<u>The third ceilidh of the Chestico Museum Summer Ceilidh</u> series will be Thursday, July 18th at 7 PM at the museum. Performing will be Stephanie MacDonald, Amanda MacDougall and Edgar Cormier & Sandy Gillis. Admission is \$10. Tea will be served.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHURCH (9.00AM to 3.00pm)

"Remember your church in your Will."

Welcome!!!

St. Peter's Parish extends a warm and cordial welcome to all the visitors to Port Hood!!!